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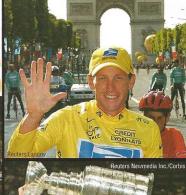
BCS computers fail to invite the nation's No. 1 team, USC, to the 2004 championship game. The Rose Bowl champion USC Trojans share the national title with the Sugar Bowl champion LSU Tigers.

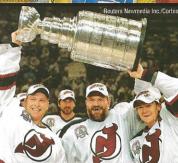
- → Led by MVP pitcher Josh Beckett, the Florida Marlins beat the heavily favored New York Yankees 2-0 in game six to win the 100th World Series.
- → Tennis pro Andy Roddick, 21, also known as Mandy Moore's boyfriend, wins his first grand slam title at the U.S. Open in September.
- → In September, Kenya's
  Paul Tergat sets the
  world record in the
  Berlin Marathon,
  running the 26.2-mile
  course in just 2 hours,
  4 minutes, 55 seconds











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- ← Despite several crashes and severe dehydration, Lance Armstrong wins his fifth straight Tour de France by a mere 62 seconds.
- ← Behind the defensive brilliance of goalie Martin Brodeur, the New Jersey Devils win the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup by icing the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 in game seven.
- ← High school phenomenon LeBron James, 19, is picked first in the 2003 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers and enjoys instant success as a pro.

In June, Michelle Wie, 13, becomes the youngest winner of a U.S. Golf Association adult event when she wins the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links.

